

REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicants have amended claim 7 to include that the catalytic coating comprises palladium to provide antecedent basis for a palladium concentration profile. Claims 11-19 have been rejoined and their status indicated before they were withdrawn. These amendments do not add new matter and do not raise any new issue. Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments and allowance of the pending claims.

1. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that claims 1-6 are allowable. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter.

2. Rejoined Claims

The Examiner indicated that claims 11-19 have been rejoined and are allowable. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter and have indicated their status before they were withdrawn.

3. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner rejects claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for lack of antecedent basis for reciting “a palladium concentration.” By this amendment, Applicants have amended claim 7 to include that the catalytic coating comprises palladium to provide antecedent basis for a palladium concentration profile. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is now moot.

4. Conclusion

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

No fee is believed to be due with respect to the filing of this amendment. If any additional fees are due, or an overpayment has been made, please charge, or credit

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Deposit Account No. 11-0171 for such sum.

If the Examiner determines that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number provided.

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